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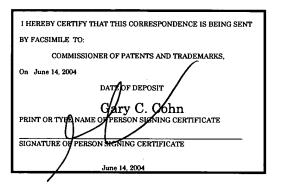
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For: A SOLID MATERIAL COMPRISING A THIN METAL FILM ON ITS SURFACE AND

METHODS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME



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## RESPONSE E

This paper is submitted in response to the office actions in this case mailed August 13, 2003 and May 18, 2004. A request for continued examination and request for extension of time accompany this response. The examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments and to reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

The claim amendments submitted in this paper are the same as presented in Response D, filed January 13, 2004 and again on February 13, 2004.

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